welfare of old, aged and destitute women;

(b) if so, what are the details of such programme; and

(c) if reply to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the desirability of a programme to be launched for the welfare of old, aged and destitute women in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No new programme for welfare of the old, aged and destitute women has been launched. Assistance is being provided through old age pensions by the States. Besides, the Government of India has been providing grants-in-aid on a limited scale to voluntary organisatons for Welfare of the aged under the 'General Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in the Field of Social Welfare'.

(b) Grants-in-aid being provided to voluntary organisations for various specialised activities, such as maintenance, recreation, Day Care Centre, health check-up etc.

(c) Question does not arise.

Canadian Co-operations for Urban Mass Transit System

436. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Indian delegation had discussion with the Canadian Government in connection with the Urban Mass Transit system in Canada during January, 1989;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any final negotiation in the field of providing technical and financial cooperation has been held; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) In pursuance to the visit of a Canadian delegation, headed by the Canadian Transport Minister, in 1988, an invitation was extended by the Canadian Government to the Urban Development Minister to lead a delegation to that country to study Canada's urban transport systems for possible application in India. No formal agreement was concluded with Canadian Government during the visit.

Improvement in capacity utilisation of Fertilizer Plants

437. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged to the fertilizers industry to improve the capacity utilisation of the existing plants:

(b) if so, the quantum of fertilizers produced by each of the industry in the Public Sector during the last three years:

(c) whether import of fertilizers have since been declined during the past few years; and

(d) if not, the steps propose to be taken to boost the production of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) It is Government's constant endeavour to improve the capacity utilisation of the existing fertiliser plants.

(b) The production of fertilisers by each of the fertilizer manufacturing units in the public sector during the